

Mr. Speaker, I rise with great respect to honor Teresita Batayola. She has truly made our community a healthier and more just place, and I wish her and her organization well in the future.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO DR.
JOHN A. DAVITT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dr. John A. Davitt, retired Superintendent-President of Glendale Community College, who passed away on Saturday, May 24, 2014.

John received his Bachelor's Degree at the University of San Francisco in 1954, a Master's Degree in Secondary Education in 1958, also from the University of San Francisco, and his Doctorate in Community College Administration from the University of Southern California. Before coming to Glendale Community College (GCC), John served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, taught at a junior high school in San Francisco, was a counselor at Merritt College in Oakland, and was an Assistant Professor at California State University, Los Angeles.

Dr. Davitt began his 38 years of service at GCC in 1968, when he took a position as a history professor. Serving as Administrative Dean of Personnel Services, Vice President, and in 1985, Superintendent-President, he brought his inclusive, enthusiastic and open style of management to GCC, transforming the GCC campus into an innovative and productive center for learning. The longest-tenured head of a community college in California, Dr. Davitt cared deeply about the institution and took pride in GCC being a top transfer college.

An active volunteer in the Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge communities, John's record of community service is impressive. He served on the boards of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, Glendale Roundtable, Glendale Symphony and the Glendale College Foundation. In addition, he served on Holy Family High School's Board of Regents, Crestview Preparatory School's Board of Directors, Glendale Memorial Hospital's Community Liaison Council, St. Bede's Pastoral Council and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' Board of Education.

Some of the honors Dr. Davitt received include the Presidential Leadership Award from the California Community College Foundation, Glendale Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award, the GCC Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to GCC, induction into GCC's Athletic Hall of Fame and the naming of the John A. Davitt Administration Building at GCC.

Married for over half a century, John and his wife Gael, have four children, Terry Davitt, Laure Heale, Vincent Davitt and Michael Davitt.

John Davitt will be sorely missed. He was a respected leader among community college presidents across the state and nation, a dedicated public servant and admired by all as a man of impeccable character. I ask all members to join me in remembering one of our community's most admired citizens, Dr. John A. Davitt.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL
ROBERT D. MORIG

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Army Colonel Robert D. Morig on the occasion of his retirement after 51 years of service in the Department of Defense. Colonel Morig enlisted in the United States Army in September 1962, and was commissioned as a field artillery officer in July of 1964 upon his graduation from Washington State University. He later continued his education, earning a Master's degree in Industrial Management from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Colonel Morig also completed extensive military training, attending the Airborne and Ranger schools at Fort Benning, Georgia, the General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Army War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. During his time as an officer, he held staff and command posts in Vietnam, South Korea, and West Germany. For his commendable service, Colonel Morig received numerous awards, including a citation for valor in combat. At home, Colonel Morig worked with a number of different offices at the Pentagon, handling congressional issues, program analysis, and industrial base policy. Of particular note was his work in writing Army Doctrine and developing the Army Civilian Acquisition Workforce and Corps. After 30 years of distinguished service, Colonel Morig retired from the Army and joined the civil service. His final assignment in this capacity was teaching business and financial management to the acquisition workforce through the Defense Acquisition University. On behalf of my colleagues, I thank Colonel Morig for his service and wish him all the best in retirement.

REMEMBERING THE WERETH 11

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Gerlach amendment to H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 considered en bloc. This amendment recognizes the sacrifice of the Wereth 11, a group of eleven African-American soldiers of the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion of the United States Army who lost their lives in dedicated service to this country during the Battle of the Bulge in Wereth, Belgium. The adoption of this amendment would ensure that history remembers and pays tribute to these men, and I was pleased to work with Mr. GERLACH on this effort.

ENERGY SAVINGS LEAD TO
EDUCATION FUNDING

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, over the past two years, Plainfield, New Jersey Public Schools

has saved nearly \$1.2 million in energy costs. That is 26 percent of the school district's utilities budget over the same time span. These savings are the result of a district-wide, behavioral-based energy savings program. With the help of Plainfield School's energy specialist, Michael Pate, Plainfield School District achieved these savings by encouraging changes in behavior, like turning off lights and computers, and improving maintenance practices, like ensuring the right amount of Freon is used in HVAC systems.

The use of data helped drive this successful initiative. The school district can break down energy consumption of each appliance to the hour and, therefore, derive a cost per hour for each device. As a result, individuals know exactly the size of their energy footprint and how much money can be saved district-wide. Most important, teachers and administrators know that these savings can be redirected into funding classroom supplies and increasing educational services.

Imagine if all school districts in America trimmed their energy expenditures by 26 percent and then reinvested that savings in decreasing class sizes, updating technology, providing science equipment, hiring nurses, psychologists, and special education teachers, creating after-school activities, and organizing events and services that make their public schools the cornerstone of the community. We must give all students the opportunity to obtain a quality education and increase our children's academic competitiveness with their international peers. The \$1.2 million savings Plainfield Public Schools achieved is the reason why I introduced the School Building Enhancement Act (H.R. 115), which would provide grants to states to assist educational agencies in implementing energy-saving practices. As demonstrated by Plainfield, the savings will be significantly higher than the costs. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING MS. ENID ADLER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Ms. Enid Adler, whose tireless work for human rights has bettered the city of Philadelphia. A graduate of Temple University, Villanova University School of Law, and Dickinson University School of Law, Ms. Adler has had a lifelong career as a human rights advocate.

Enid Adler operates her own practice, which focuses on asylum immigration, family reunification, and international human rights. Ms. Adler is the past chairwoman of the International Law Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association and, in 1997, formulated the only United States Twinning Program between the Philadelphia Bar and the Barreau de Lyon in France. In 2001, Ms. Adler was a founding member of the International Criminal Board and was crucial in creating its Code of Ethics. Ms. Adler is a member of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) and serves on the Coalition's Team on the Crime of Aggression negotiations. This team created an amendment to the criteria to give the court jurisdiction over the crime, and it was completed